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WASHINGTON.

The Final Adjournment Resolution to Be Called Up in the House To-Day.

Plan Proposed to Detect and Punish Pension Frauds.

No Prospect of the Passage of the Utah Admission Bill.

Dissatisfaction Expressed at the Tone of the American Counter-Case.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

THE AMERICAN COUNTER-CASE.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—It is supposed that Secretary Fish will send a copy of our Counter-Case to Congress to-morrow. It was prepared by Barcroft Davis. Several prominent officials who have had an opportunity of examining the document are far from pleased with its tone, some even characterizing it as offensive. Confidence in the success of the Geneva Conference is rapidly growing weak in the minds of our authorities.

FINAL ADJOURNMENT.

Butler will offer a resolution in the House to-morrow, under a suspension of the rules, instructing the Committee of Ways and Means to report Morton's adjournment resolution forthwith. There is no doubt now but a large majority of the Republican members of the House, with some considerable number of Democrats, are in favor of an early adjournment. In this same interest Senator Scott will renew his attempt in the Senate to-morrow, to pass the House Free Tea and Coffee bill. It is urged that this action will so narrow the jurisdiction of Congress over the tariff question that there can be no extensive attempt to enlarge the Tariff bill reported from the Ways and Means Committee, which will have consideration Tuesday.

THE TEXAS PACIFIC RAILROAD BILL.

The amended Texas Pacific Railroad bill, as it passed the Senate last night, provides that the company must build and maintain a line from Marshal to Shreveport, and requires the gauge to be uniform with the other Pacific roads. Twenty five miles must be built from the western terminus eastward within three years, and not less than 100 miles within two years from the eastern end, and not less than 100 miles yearly thereafter, and the whole road to be finished in ten years. An amendment limiting the issue of construction bonds to $40,000 per mile, and authorizing the company to include in the mortgage, to secure their bonds, any lands they may acquire by consolidating with other roads, to whom land grants may have been made along the same route, was adopted. The company are also required to commence the construction of the road from San Diego eastward within one year from the passage of the act.

POLITICAL.

Attorney General Williams starts to-night for Oregon to take part in the political campaign.

There has been much talk here to-day of an alleged effort on the part of certain party managers to bring about the nomination of Senator John Scott, of Pennsylvania, on the ticket with General Grant as Vice President.

THE COTTON TAX.

The bill for refunding the cotton tax is on the files of the Committee of Ways and Means, but no action, unless it be adverse, is expected at the present session. The fact that it would, if passed, take a very large sum out of the Treasury, renders it certain that it will not receive general support.

[To the Associated Press.]

THE FINAL ADJOURNMENT QUESTION.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—All the General Appropriation bills, except the fortifications and sundry civil expenses bills have been acted upon by the House, and it is probable that a resolution will be introduced in the House, to-morrow, fixing the 29th of May as the day for final adjournment. It is stated that nineteen Democrats have already voted with the Republicans who favor adjournment at the time stated.

It is estimated that a vast number of claims for pensions growing out of the rebellion, probably one fourth, are fraudulent. A plan has been proposed to the Commissioner of Pensions, and to the Congressional Committee on Pensions, by which the system of fraud could be destroyed, and which would lead to a detection of frauds so far committed before stamped. It is to provide in each county a physician or surgeon of the district to whom pensions have been or shall be granted, giving the residence &c., of each person pensioned, and to furnish a copy thereof to each Federal and State officer of the county. This, it is believed, would result in saving millions of dollars annually to the Government, and in bringing to punishment all concerned in the frauds. The Congressional Committee on Pensions to modify the requirements of his office so as to render it possible for all honest claimants to comply with them.

THE ANGLO AMERICAN COMMISSION.

The American and British Commission will adjourn early this week until the latter part of June. Gurney will leave this country for England on the 25th instant, and is not expected to return before September.

UTAH.

There is no prospect of Congress at the present session, acting upon the memorial of the Utah Convention for the admission of the State of Deseret into the Union. The Committee on Territories have the subject under consideration, and have heard representations from Fitch, Fuller, and Cannon, of Utah, who have the matter in charge.

GRAND INTERNATIONAL REGATTA.

At the recent meeting of the representatives of boat clubs of the District of Columbia, it was resolved to have a grand national regatta on the Potomac River in June or July. They propose, by offering handsome and valuable prizes to induce the most skilful and accomplished oarsmen of the country, embracing professional as well as amateur crews, and expect to have present and participating in the regatta, the most celebrated crews from the British Provinces.

IMMIGRATION.

The number of immigrants arriving at Port Hamon, Michigan, during the quarter ending March last, was 2,343, of whom 1,600 were from Canada. The others were from England, Scotland, and Ireland, their destination being Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, Kansas, and Ohio. Their occupations include 1,200 farmers. The numbers above given embrace women and children.

NEW YORK.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

FATHER GAVAZZI.

NEW YORK, April 20.—Father Gavazzi was given a reception, to-night, by the American and Foreign Missions at Association Hall, which was crowded. Though about 60 years of age Gavazzi is full of vigor and vivacity. His figure is portly, features massive, and hair iron-gray. In vehement and intricate gesticulation, he places Gough far in the shade. He speaks English intelligibly, but with a rich Italian accent. He said to-night he has come to America to lecture three times a week on Italian topics, for the benefit of the Free Italian Christian Church, numbering nearly 100 congregations, in his native country. In alluding to the Pope's loss of temporal power, he broke into the most enthusiastic expression of delight. Gavazzi says he has lived in Rome since 1870, and been perfectly free to preach the gospel. If the Pope is a prisoner, his prison contains only 11,000 rooms, and is surrounded by countless gardens and court-yards. The people had twitted Gavazzi because he had predicted that Pius IX. would never live to see the days of St. Peter, but the Pope has simply believed that tradition, and the other traditions of Rome must share the same fate. He advised the people in America, instead of sending money to the Papal ghost, another fervent outburst when he declared that Rome can never be again wrenched from Italy. The agitator was very cordially welcomed by the audience, which gave him, during his brief speech to-night, several long peals of applause. Gavazzi will preach to-morrow morning in Brooklyn, and at night in New York. He is undoubtedly an powerful an orator as he was eighteen years ago, and his hatred for the Pope is no less irrepressible.

THE AFRICAN METHODISTS.

In the African Methodist Episcopal Church Conference, to-day, the question of union with the white Church was discussed. The drift of the argument being mostly against the proposition. Rev. Thomas James strongly opposed union. He said in the Methodist Conference colored members were under a sort of proscription. It was still the nigger. [Raw cries of "That's so"—"I want," he continued, "to speak very plain. I do not believe if Jesus Christ came into the city to-morrow, and had what they call woolly hair, the white people would go to see him. [Loud bursts of applause, and some laughter.] No, not by any chance."

Bishop Clinton. What, not to see Jesus Christ?

Rev. Mr. James. I tell you, no, sir. He would have to get whitewashed first. I tell you religion has got to be whitewash, but if they judge by the color of the skin and appearance of the hair, let Zion Church take a higher plane, and stand upon God's platform. [Applause.] The Conference then took a recess.

THE NEW CHARTER.

NEW YORK, April 21.—Governor Hoffman will probably veto the new charter passed by the Legislature for this city. He was interviewed yesterday by a number of reporters, but declined to disclose his intentions. The feature most objected to in the charter is the experiment of cumulative voting, which gives each voter nine ballots which he may divide up among the several candidates or bestow on one candidate as he chooses. This new feature is declared by eminent lawyers to be unconstitutional in several respects. Another provision in the charter strenuously opposed is the fixing of election day in May, when the poorer classes are moving and will therefore lose their votes.

HUSH MONEY.

A. J. Garvey is reported to have had large amounts of money thrust on him lately by members of Tammany, whose houses he plastered, receiving pay from the public treasury. In view of Garvey's pending testimony, the plunderers seek to put a better face on their transaction.

[To the Associated Press.]

JURY DISAGREEMENT.

NEW YORK, April 21.—The jury in the case of Fanny Hyde, tried in Brooklyn for the murder of Watson, were discharged this morning, being unable to agree. They were for acquittal, and two for a verdict of manslaughter in the fourth degree.

THE NEXT CHARTER.

Henry L. Clinton, Abraham R. Lawrence and Judges Clarke, Spencer, and Jones, publish an opinion that the new charter is clearly unconstitutional, because it permits cumulative voting.

DEATH OF BOB BRETTLE.

The Spanish papers bring news of the death on the 7th inst. of Bob Brettle, the well-known English pugilist.

CITY POLITICS.

The Nominating Committee of the Council of Political Reform met last evening. A Committee of Conference was appointed to make nominations for city officers, in anticipation of the passage of the new charter. General Dix was mentioned as probable candidate for Mayor, but no action was taken. The *World* says politicians have interviewed Governor Hoffman, expressed the opinion that he will not veto the bill until well assured that the Court of Appeals will declare the charter unconstitutional. Otherwise he will allow the bill to become a law by ten days, lapse.

FATHER GAVAZZI,

in his address last evening in Association Hall, spoke of the necessity of an Evangelical College in Rome. He said the Catholic Union of America was intended to aid in restoring the temporal power of the Pope. But to crush the Church they will have to crush all Italy. The Pope had lived beyond the years of Peter only to see the downfall of his own temporal power. He concluded as follows: "I always said if my friends hear of my being in Rome it will be a sign that there is no longer a Pope in Rome. But in these days in which we live I am in Rome, and the Pope is in Rome, but I am in Rome free, free more than you are; free to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and the Pope is in Rome, impotent to prevent the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

DEATH OF EX-CONGRESSMAN WALL.

Hon. William Wall, ex-Congressman, died yesterday, aged 71.

CONSECRATION.

Rev. Father McNierny was consecrated in St. Patrick's Cathedral, to-day, as Coadjutor Bishop of Albany. The consecration was conducted by Archbishop McCleavey, assisted by Bishops Laughlin, of Brooklyn, and Bacon, of Portland, Maine. The sermon was preached by Bishop Bailey, of Newark. Besides these the American Episcopate was represented by the Bishops of Burlington, Boston, Springfield, Hartford, Rochester, Buffalo, Scranton, Harrisburg, Philadelphia, Louisville, Delaware, and Ogdensburg, and the Bishops of Hamilton and Kingston, Canada.

POLITICAL.

The New York City Press and the Cincinnati Convention.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, April 21.—The subject of nominations to be made at the Cincinnati Convention is receiving increased attention from the Eastern public and press. The fact is apparent that the Democratic leaders in New York desire the nomination, at Cincinnati, of John Davis, since they regard him as an untried man and likely to be pliable. Ben. Wood's paper, to-day says Davis must be nominated if the Liberal Republicans are to be encouraged to support. Quite a number of active politicians the hope is generally expressed that Charles Francis Adams will be nominated. The *Tribune* and *World* editors refer cordially to be friendly to Adams, but print daily long and laboured communications criticising Adams' Massachusetts Alabama Claims views while in favor of England. The *Sun* has spoken favorable of a ticket composed of Adams and Groesbeck. The *Tribune* thus far has suggested no names.

The Liberal Republican Movement in Wisconsin.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

MADISON, April 20.—A Liberal Republican meeting was held here to-night to choose delegates to the Cincinnati Convention. The attendance was smaller than was hoped, and several of those present have heretofore been Democrats. Speeches were made by R. P. Main, of Oregon; Major H. A. Tenny, and William Charlton, of this city, the latter County Treasurer two terms ago. All these were among the first members of the Republican party. They indulged in criticism of the present Administration, and argued the necessity of a change. S. D. Carpenter, former editor of the *Patriot*, announced that he had left the Democratic party in 1860, and would be Liberal Republican hereafter. It was at first proposed to adjourn the meeting to some time next week to secure the attendance of the farmers, but it was considered that the very busy, and a Committee of ten was appointed to select Delegates to the Cincinnati Convention.

Iowa Liberal Republican State Convention—Delegations from Dubuque and Chickasaw Counties.

DUBUQUE, Ia., April 20.—In response to the call numerously signed, a large and enthusiastic meeting of Liberal Republicans was held here at the City Hall, last evening, to choose delegates to the State Convention, to be held at Davenport, on the 25th instant. Jos. R. Reed, United States Commissioner, presided. The principal speech of the evening was by Major Dewitt C. Cram. After other speeches and music, the meeting appointed the following gentlemen as delegates from Dubuque County: J. A. Rhomberg, Franklin Hinz, Wm. L. Bradley, Wm. Andrews, T. D. Grosvenor, J. J. Pluym, J. H. Lalli, C. P. Dodge, Peter Keough, H. Thomson, J. W. Hase, F. J. Massey, F. W. Crawford, J. C. Longueville, John P. Hart, Schaaper, editor of the *Staats Zeitung*, Blumenauer, B. W. Poor, A. Crapin, G. Brocklinger, Theo. Stumming, Jacob Michel, DeWitt C. Cram, Geo. Stanchs, and E. A. Klingenberg. After the passage of resolutions, and various manifestations of enthusiasm, which betokens a determination to throw off the shackles of the Administration, the meeting broke up.

A despatch from Chickasaw County in the *Herald*, says that a similar meeting held at Lashua, to-day, the following gentlemen were chosen to represent that County at Davenport: E. P. Greeley, E. D. Woodbridge, S. F. Eastman, C. Brue, T. W. Barron, S. P. Leland, and D. H. Henry. All of the prominent Republicans took part in the meeting, but Andy Fell, the Postmaster at Nashua.

Political Reform Movement in Milwaukee.

MILWAUKEE, April 21.—A meeting of Liberal Reformers was held at the City Hall, last evening, composed principally of Democrats and German Republicans. Hon. D. H. Johnson and others addressed the meeting.

UTAH.

A Mormon Jubilation—Mining Prospects.

SALT LAKE, April 21.—There was a great gathering of Mormons to-day at the conference. Orson Pratt and other Elders preached. They said the irresistible progress of the religion of the Latter Day Saints must fulfil ultimately all the predictions of the world. Intense interest was manifested. Every one seemed to rejoice in the conviction that the power of the Gentiles has been victorious in the recent judicial conflict, and the knowledge that the Prophet Brigham will be specially restored to them. The meeting adjourned till next Sunday.

Judge Strickland convenes the United States District Court, on morrow, when it is expected that a motion will be made for the release of all prisoners under the indictment of the United States Grand Jury.

There have been an unprecedented large number of arrivals the last few days in most every branch of the mining district. Next week an examination will be made of the mines which, if favorable, the result will bring into the Territory over $1,000,000 capital. The future brightens daily. It is noted as a remarkable fact that every foreign company working property here is successful.

The Mormon leaders disclaim any offensive expression over the Supreme Court decision, and say they desire peace and harmony with the Gentiles, and the general good of all.

Indirect Damages.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., April 21.—In a letter to the Providence *Journal* from Hon. William Beach Lawrence, relative to the Geneva arbitration, the eminent publicist expresses the belief that the claim for indirect damages was unwisely presented in the first instance, and that the magnanimous policy for the United States to accept would be frankly to say so.

Fires.

PITTSBURGH, April 21.—The Commercial special says a coal oil stove, last night, at Brownsville, Pa., burst. Soloman's cigar store, Tresselt's insurance, J. Hyman & Co.'s clothing store, Kirby's hotel, D. Rosenberg's dry goods, R. Forduck's cigar shop, C. L. Peoples's office, Turner's bakery, A. Simmons' dry goods, A. B. Armstrong's dwelling, Allegheny House, and two uncompleted dwellings. No insurance, except on the building where the fire originated.

NASHUA, N. H., April 21.—The Mount Vernon House, a well known summer resort at Mount Vernon, was destroyed by fire this afternoon with nearly all its contents. Property well insured.

ILLINOIS.

Death of Colonel John B. Woods, of Winchester, Scott County—Candidate for Attorney General.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

JACKSONVILLE, April 21.—Colonel John B. Woods, an old, prominent and wealthy citizen of Winchester, Scott County, Ill., died yesterday afternoon, at his residence in that town, of lung fever. His funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon, and he will be buried with the honors of Oddfellowship. The deceased was a distinguished member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

The friends of Hon. Isaac L. Morrison, a distinguished member of the Jacksonville bar, will present his name and merits as a statesman before the Republican State Convention, which convenes at Springfield, on the 2d of May, for nomination for the office of Attorney General.

CITY AFFAIRS IN BRIEF.

Confidential.

Dennis Lush, from Rochester, N. Y., met a confidence man yesterday, and in one of pocket lost $50. The swindler made Lush's acquaintance at the Sou hern Hotel, where the victim is stopping, and proposed that they take a walk down Wabash avenue. While in that thoroughfare operator No. 2 made his appearance, and Lush handed over his money on being told that No 1 had a trunk full of gold at the Southern Hotel. Lush was requested to take charge of the trunk while the men returned. He couldn't find it, of course, and swears that he will not loan another dollar as long as he has a hair on his head.

Supposed Accidental Shooting.

Anton Lang, aged 17 years, died at his parents' residence, No 460 South Canal street, on Saturday afternoon. He was employed at Anton T. Hick's gun-store, No 460 Canal street, and on Friday was brought home with a bullet in his body. From his statement it appears that, while his employer was handling a pistol, which had been found by the Coroner, who loaded it in search of the bullet entering Lang's abdomen. The police were not informed of the occurrence, however, nor was the Coroner. The physician who attended Lang mentioned the cause of death in the certificate, and, when the fact came to the knowledge of the latter, they notified the Coroner. Lang was to have been buried yesterday, but the funeral was postponed by the Coroner, who issued a warrant for the arrest of Temieck. He was apprehended last evening and locked up in the Twelfth Street station-house, and will await the result of the inquest to be held this morning.

An Unfortunate Man.

About dusk on Saturday evening Policeman Kinch found a man named Charles Bramble lying on the sidewalk, at the corner of Eighteenth and Paw street. Upon examination, the man said he was employed on board the steamer Corona, and had fallen down a hatchway and injured his leg. He had been walking up and down the streets trying to find an hospital, and, becoming exhausted, had fallen down. An examination showed that his left leg was badly bruised, and the officer took him to the County Hospital.

Everything.

Frank P. Barry was arrested last evening upon suspicion of insanity. He had in his possession a handsome lap robe, for which an owner is wanted at the Armory.

—Thomas Delen fell from his dray, on North Avenue, yesterday afternoon, and was instantly killed. One of the wheels of the vehicle passed over his chest, crushing it in. The body was taken to No. 43 Bissell street, his late residence, where an inquest will be held to-day.

—At 1 o'clock yesterday morning a fire was observed in a coal shed on the corner of Chicago avenue and Market street. Some person had thrown a lot of hot ashes on the coal, which ignited the wood. Being burning brightly, Patterson and Barbour extinguished the fire, before over a bushel of the coal had become useless for burning purposes.

—Two inebriated individuals, named Frank Godfrey and Florence Krafkee, indulged in opprobrious epithets on Saturday evening, and Godfrey completely silenced his competitor by stabbing him in the back. The wound is not dangerous. The affray occurred in the rear of No. 764 Indiana avenue. Both arrests were made.

—The alarm from Box No. 345, at half past 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, was occasioned by fire in the packing-house of William Davis, Nos. 282 and 284 Milwaukee avenue. Several hams, which were smoking, fell into the fire on the floor of the engine house, and a large blaze resulted. About $150 worth of hams were destroyed, and the smoke house was somewhat damaged. There is $10,000 insurance on the building and its contents.

—The *American Register* (Paris) of Saturday, March 30, notes the following Chicagoans abroad: Paris, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Dawson, John Allen and bride; Florence, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. and Miss N. Clark; Mme. W. Hubbard, F. Ingersoll; Manchester, Mr. Vail; Munich, Mr. Blackwin and daughter; Rome, Edmund Goodwin; Geneva, Mrs. John B. Carrington, Miss E. A. Carrington, Miss May Hubbard, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hilchcock, Miss Hilchcock, Miss Mina Hilchcock, Miss Amy Jr., J. F. Asay; Rome, E. G. Asay and wife; Florence, J. B. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Palmer, Miss Schaler, Mrs. H. H. Kinzie, Miss F. Skinner, Miss S. P. Skinner; Genoa, Mr. Crawley and family.

PINE-NEEDLES.

Spring in Maine—A Fishing Village—The Lumbermen.

Correspondence of The Chicago Tribune.

BUCKSPORT, Me., April 13.

Do you care for a pine-needle or two? Can the breath of the cedars reach you there on your lake-shore? Or are you so shocked and smothered still with the ashes of October that the murmuring pines and the hemlocks are of small moment?

Can any good thing come out of Maine? Verily, nothing good or bad has come out or in by water-carriage, at least, these many weeks.

Two weeks ago, the river-steamers lay silly and helpless where the March frosts fastened them. In "the Narrows," the tides and river-current had piled the ice fifteen feet thick. We slipped in sleighs over ridgy drifts, and had our faces, and ears, and fingers frozen. We shivered o'nights, and watched the sun swing northward with a hopeless sense that there was a mistake somewhere. We no longer lighted the lamp in the middle of the afternoon, but Fourth of July looked mythical and visionary, and as far off as Paradise.

But it came at last. One day there was a blue glimpse of water through the ice. The fissure widened every hour, and did not close again at night. It was our first tangible token that there were to be any more Junes. And yesterday the sea-fogs pitched their tents to landward. The lone mist-wreathes swirled up the river-valley and shut out the nearest hills. There was a rush of running waters down the slopes; the tides swung up and down and carried out great fragments of ice. Then, at noon, the wind shifted to the southward; the gray, wet veil rose and fell, and trailed back and forth against the sky, and the rain came down, soft, and heavy, and warm. And, in the midst of it, a robin came and tilted on the topmost twig of the white birch on the bank, and sang, and sang, as if green leaves were a reality, and arbutus blooms an actual presence. Before night, the coasting schooners, a half-dozen of them, were shooting up the river. You see, the winter is over.

But to write that in mid-April as a new conviction! Last year, days and days ago, we had our hands full of fragrant out-of-door growths,—hyacinths and yellow jessamines, and the white lilies of the long tides where the river lies flat, yellow sands, the silver-wash of almost tropic seas.

I suppose the experience is common enough in this State, with its harbor-hollowed coast. But, to inland birth and breeding, there is a curious mixture of shore and sea, as if most things had suffered a partial sea-change. We are fifty miles from the ocean. Our little river—with one of those liquid Indian names, all water-music—is only a tributary of the Penobscot. But tides rise and fall, and at the bars a moment's ripple that make pretentions in the way of passage. The hemlock-cones drop on decks that have blistered in Mediterranean sunshine. Lading that must be among strange foreign faces, and with Southern expletives, comes out in the shadow of these Northern mountains, among Yankee physiognomies, and nasal, incisive speech.

"Fishin' in summer, most anything in winter,"—that is the way the masculine population defines its position. Nine-tenths of the men have been "to sea." Each of them on the longer foreign voyages. Captains are not men of mark. You buy your tape and pins of one, another sells you potatoes. The sailor-unburn is common enough on the faces you meet in the street. Only two or three days ago, one told me his bit of experience. He was knocked off the bowsprit in a gale, and hung by the ropes an endless time before he could be rescued, while the black water swallowed him up at every plunge. "I thought of home and the folks here, and took a fresh hold." He had the New England reticence of expression; he had not been trained to graceful paths; he did not think it so much heavier worth the telling that he was the chance of a thousand other men; but it was his share of the chances of the deep, and I was interested in learning, and so he told it, with no thought of being a hero. You see that sort of thing gives a piquancy to life, missed a little in our commonplace land-days.

We are not so far that the sea does not come to our doors. "Knocked over-board in a gale;" "duty capsized while they were hauling trash;" "frozen to death in Grand Bank"—the stories are common enough, and grow little thing, with the baby-lisp still in her speech, goes "on deck" when she climbs the stairs, and into the "after cabin" to meals, and talks of "When I was in Lisbon, and" When Mamma and I went up the Straits," as though Lisbon and the Mediterranean were just under the hirches or below the terrace.

The lumbermen have been coming down from their camps for weeks. The smell of the woods has passed upon their garments. There is an aromatic betrayal of their late residence, as you pass them on the street or on the narrow wood-roads. They are clad in red flannel and ancient garments, and great feet coverings of some kind of yellow leather and wood; and they are uncouth and loud-voiced, and "swear strange oaths." But, when you look at them and see that hardly one in ten can show a whole hand, or has not in some way suffered in his hard, exposed life, a pitiful sort of admiration grows up in your soul. Maine Yankees are undeniably the most Yankee sort; but there is a fragment of Mrs. Browning's that comes home to the case:

> "By seed of wax in the snow and rain
> Grown strong, and brave by freedom pain."

Valhalla is no such wonder, and Thor thunders with more absence of comprehension.

To-day there is a great jibbing among the coasters, loaded with wood for the kilns down the river. All those long piles,—sorts and cords of solid wood, hauled from the mill-forests, with the sap still in their bonds, to be burned in the making of bricks! It looks an incomprehensible waste to eyes used to prairie economies. Will the supply never give out?

And over us is a crystal sky,—sunlight keen and clear,—a wonderful sweep of hills for a horizon,—great floods of the "home-wind, the Northwest-wind Kosmyddin," rushing down on us. It is spring here, at last; and, if the voice of the turtle is not heard in the land, it is because the discriminating beast is not going to set itself on log while the ice lies eighteen inches thick under the three inches of surface-mud. C. G. B.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Philadelphia City Fathers are endeavoring to digest a bill of $1,000 for "suppers for Councils and Finance Committees."

—The Philadelphia *Evening City Item* now calls itself the *All Day City Item*.

—A doll on exhibition at the Homœopathic Fair in New York is valued at $1,000. She has three or four trunks filled with clothing and jewelry.

—The Pittsburgh Water Commissioners have become possessed of about 100 acres on Brilliant and Harrison Hill, costing $75,000. The Commission need still further a site for the Croft's Hill reservoir; but that matter has been postponed for the present.

—By judicial decisions in Virginia, the war, in the eye of the law, continued during the whole period from the 17th of April, 1861, to the 20th of January, 1870, when the State was readmitted to the Union.

—Mr. Levy, a blind Englishman, asserts that he can not only tell when he is opposite a solid body, but "can discriminate whether it is tall or short, slender or bulky." If a fence he can tell whether it is open like a board or a rail fence, or closed; whether it is of stone or wood, or a close hedge. Another blind man could tell when thick clouds obscured the horizon. Mr. Levy calls this "facial perception," as covering his face with a thick veil entirely obscures objects from this sensational discernment.

—Marshfield, Mo., is agitated at the obstinacy displayed by a murderer named Waller, who is to be hung next month. He won't see a clergyman, sings "Shoo Fly," "Captain Jinks," and other popular songs, and, when his family visit him, stands on his head, turns handsprings, and declares that he is the happiest man in all Missouri. He only wants one thing—to be let out long enough to kill George Francis Train.

Telegraphic Brevities.

The receipts at the Homœopathic Hospital Fair in Boston for the first week exceeded $33,000.

—The Madison, Wis., lakes opened on Saturday, and are now nearly clear of ice. This is the latest opening since 1864.

—William Sinnett, a banker of Girard, Ill., who is alleged to have absconded last September with $17,000 belonging to depositors, was brought back yesterday from California by Deputy Sheriff Cook, of San Diego County, Cal.

DIED.

HADLEY—April 21, of consumption, Mrs. Sarah A. Hadley, wife of Mr. S. Hadley, aged 60 years.

Funeral from her late residence, 215 Walnut-st., on Tuesday, April 23, at 2:45 a. m.

Burlington papers please copy.

CARPENTER—April 21, Gracie Isabel, only daughter of D. J. and M. A. Carpenter.

Elmira, N. Y., Monday, Aurora, Mich., and Albia, Iowa, papers please copy.

MEETINGS.

Attention, Sir Knights.

Special Conclave of CHICAGO COMMANDERY, No. 1, at Masonic Temple, on Monday, April 22, at 7:30 o'clock, for work on K. T. Order. By order of the E. C.

JOHN WHITLEY, Recorder.

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ROCKWOOD BROS.,

NORTH SIDE

TEA AND GROCERY HOUSE.

We would inform our friends and the public that we will open this week at 379 NORTH CLARK-ST., a Tea and Grocery House, where will be found goods equal to our former stock in quality, and larger in quantity, as we handle our Teas, Coffees, and Spices in connection with the wholesale house of POSTER & ROCKWOOD.

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BEARD, SAVAGE & BEARD,

Importers and Jobbers of

CROCKERY,

GLASSWARE, &C., &C.,

70 W. Washington-st.,

CHICAGO,

Have in stock, and to arrive, the following goods, which they offer to the Trade at bottom figures:

Maddocks & Sons' Thin White Granite "Pearl."

John Edwards' Semi-Porcelain "Havre."

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Haviland and other best makes of Gold Band and Plain White China; Meriden Cutlery Co.'s; Lamson & Goodnow's; Beaver Falls and English Table Cutlery; Chas. Parker's celebrated German Silver Spoons; Reed & Barton's and Rogers' A. 1 Plated Goods; superior quality of Britannia Teapots; Ladles, Castor Frames, Tea and Table Spoons, &c., &c.; Fancy Decorated Tea, Dinner and Chamber Sets; Japanned Trays and Waiters; Cut and Engraved Bar and Table Ware; best make of Flint and Crystal Table Glassware; Lamps, Chandeliers, Brackets, Burners, and Chimneys, all styles; Fine Mirrors, consisting of Pier, Mantel, and ordinary styles of Frame; also, Imitation Walnut, Solid Walnut, and Imitation Rosewood and Gilt Framed Looking Glasses; Common Tumblers, Jelly Tumblers; Jars of all the leading makes, including "Mason," "Mason Improved," "Queen," "Hero," "Gem," "Pearl," and other styles; best makes of Rockingham and Yellow Ware, &c., &c.

The most complete stock of goods in our line in the West. The Lowest Prices, and the facilities of executing orders with despatch.

Our stock was all bought or contracted for before the late heavy advance. We are therefore prepared to offer special inducements to Cash Buyers.

The Trade are respectfully requested to call, when in our city, and examine our stock and prices before purchasing elsewhere.

Letter Orders solicited and satisfaction guaranteed.

BEARD, SAVAGE & BEARD.

FURNITURE.

WM. W. STRONG,

Fashionable

FURNITURE,

[Late 208 Randolph-st.,]

353 to 359 W. Randolph-st., Chicago.

Branch Salesroom, Wabash av. and 22d-st.

We call special attention to our stock of Low Priced Goods, suitable for present demands.

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THE BANKING OFFICE OF THE

International Mut. Trust Co.,

Will be removed on MONDAY, APRIL 22, to

133 LaSalle-st.,

Near Madison (Boone Block).

S. S. GREENTHAL, President.

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FOR SALE.

For Sale.

IRON FOUNDRY, now in complete running order; doing a good business; capacity, ten tons per day. Will be sold at a bargain, if taken at once.

FORD MANFG. Co., 30 W. Washington-st.

READY MADE DWELLINGS,

Cheap for Cash, May be Obtained Before the 1st of May,

Corner North Clark and Erie-sts.

FINANCIAL.

Merchants', Fireman's.

Adjusted Policies in the above Companies bought

By C. GRANVILLE HAMMOND,

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On Chicago real estate, on three to five years' time, at 9 per cent.

WRIGHT & TYRRELL,

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Cash paid for adjusted claims in the above Companies, by

BUTLER & CO., 127 West Madison-st.

DRY GOODS AND NOTIONS.

A. G. DOWNS & CO.,

324

West Madison-st.,

Will have their semi-annual opening of Spring and Summer Styles on Tuesday, April 23.

HAMLIN, HALE & COMPANY,

Dry Goods,

Wholesale,

21 and 23 South Canal-st., and 20 to 26 West Washington-st.

Retail,

318 and 320 West Madison-st., corner Aberdeen-st.

Will receive daily, during the season, new and choice Dress Fabrics and Fancy Goods.

Have a large stock of American Cottons and Woollens bought previous to the advance.

CLOTHING.

1872. WHOLESALE. 1872.

SPRING TRADE.

We are now permanently located in the five-story Stores,

247 & 249 Monroe-st.,

CHICAGO,

Where we are prepared to offer to the trade, on our usual terms, the largest and best stock of

CLOTHING

AND

Furnishing Goods

That we ever manufactured.

HENRY W. KING & CO.

STOVES.

Rathbone's Stoves

Are favorably known all over the United States, and no better can be manufactured. Among their most popular patterns are the

FEARLESS

Cooking Stove, for Coal or Wood, with or without low Oven Reservoir.

Good Cheap Stoves

In large variety, at their wholesale salesrooms,

30 & 32 South Canal-st.

J. F. RATHBONE & CO.

Retailed by prominent dealers in the city and country.

PAPER HANGINGS.

J. J. McGRATH,

PAPERHANGINGS

At FACTORY PRICES.

State & 12th-sts.

TO RENT.

Exchange Building,

CORNER

Clark and Washington-sts.

OFFICES, STORES,

AND LARGE HALL

TO RENT.

STORES TO RENT.

Five Stores, with basements, in the GRUND BLOCK, on State-st., near Twentieth. Also, Stores 800 and 802, next to Burlington Crossing, on State-st.

Inquire of owner, 1023 Wabash-av., from 10 to 1 o'clock.

TO RENT.

Three stores and basements, northeast corner of Kinzie and Dearborn-sts., 22x100 o.th. Possession May 1.

DOCK PROPERTY.

A very desirable piece of dock property, adjoining Alton Railroad, 200 feet front, docked and dredged for as deep a harbor as desired. Rent $6 a foot first year. Inquire of HUGH HARER, 16 South Canal-st.

DOCK PROPERTY TO RENT

In New Lumber district. 200 feet dock front by 344 feet deep, on Sanganee's Canal, near Twenty-second-st., for $2,400 per annum and ordinary taxes. Railroad track into and street planked. Apply to E. G. MASON, 222 Wabash-av.

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On South Branch, Westside, near Washington-st., location central, and if desired, will erect building to suit tenant. J. D. HARVEY, 204 Wabash-av.

HOTEL FOR RENT.

Corner Eldridge-court and State-st., 58 to 90 rooms. Arranged to suit tenant. Possession in June.

BLISS & BRADLEY, 234 Wabash-av.

FOR RENT.

Two second, third, and fourth Stories of NEW BIRDLE FROST BUILDING,

NO. 136 STATE STREET

Three doors south of Madison.

W. H. PATTERSON, 136 West Madison-st.

THE SUBURBAN MAIL.

The Suburban Mail.

The first number of a handsome eight-page weekly paper, to be called

The Suburban Mail,

Will be issued from the office of THE EVENING MAIL, Saturday, April 27. It will be chiefly devoted to the interests of the suburban towns about Chicago. A limited number of advertisements will be received.

THE EVENING MAIL CO.

CARPETS.

WANTED!!

Every one to call and see us at our New Store,

136 Twenty-second-st.

We shall be prepared Monday, April 22, to offer all who may favor us with a call, a choice selection of Carpets, Mattings, Mats, Oil Cloths, Bedding, etc.

Our stock will contain all the latest and best designs. Our work shall be done promptly and well, and our prices as low as any House in Chicago. For the accommodation of customers, we shall keep open until 9 p. m.

DRAKE & WETHERELL,

136 Twenty-second-st.

CROCKERY.

At Retail.

BURLEY & TYRRELL

274, 276 & 278 Wabash-av.,

CORNER VAN BUREN-ST.,

Have fully resumed business, and are now opening a complete stock of

FRENCH CHINA,

Crockery, Glassware,

FINE TABLE CUTLERY,

Silver-Plated Goods, etc.

REAL ESTATE.

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Elegant Residence Property on and adjacent to

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The most desirable MANUFACTURING and DOCK PROPERTY in the city, having track connections with all the railroads entering the city. Also a great variety of business and residence property on and adjacent to BLUE ISLAND-AV., TWELFTH, and TWENTY-SECOND-STS. All on easy terms to parties desiring to improve.

S. J. WALKER,

No. 183 West Washington-st.

For Sale or Rent,

The WASHINGTONIAN HOME property, 1049-1051 180 feet, corner Mad

CUBA.

The Commerce of the American Indies.

Steam-Shipping in Our Tropics—Railroad Enterprises.

Chances for Wealth There—What American Citizens Are Doing.

Sketches of Big People—The Sugar Cultivation—Spanish Diplomacy with Us.

From Our Own Correspondent.

HAVANA, April 8.

The wealth of the tropical islands of which Havana is the great mart and harbor, ranking with Barcelona and Santander, the chief home-ports of Spain—has been made the subject of much writing, fighting, and dreaming. About one-half of all the available time of the Administration was expended upon Santo Domingo. The Spanish themselves use their ablest diplomacy, and much of their money, to buy our neutrality in the affairs of Cuba,—using for this purpose a lawyer intimately related with our Secretary of State.

SOME POINTS ABOUT CUBA.

The Cuban cities are far oldes than ours of Baracoa dates back to 1518, Trinidad to 1514, Santiago to 1515, and Havana to 1515. Sugar began to be cultivated and manufactured in 1505, coffee in 1748, and the yellow fever appeared here in 1761. The University of Havana goes back to 1728; the lottery began in 1812; Tacon's famous administration flourished about 1836. The Bank of Spain in Havana gets all its paper notes made in New York City. The finest railroad-cars on the Island have been built in New York and Paterson, for $6,000 apiece; they are far inferior to our commonest rolling-stock. American salesmen tell me that the Spanish and Cubans, with equal treachery, repudiate their obligations to foreigners, and the only redress is to go to the Captain-General, who is apt to make people behave,—in business at any rate. Newspapers are of comparatively recent institution in Havana, although as early as 1735 a printing press was authorized; and the first periodical, called *Gaceta de la Habana*, appeared at the close of our war of Independence. In the directory of the city, 99 large manufacturers of cigars are set down, and about 250 sugar planters who support mercantile offices. Several of the richest of these have been driven from their estates to the wild mountains of Eastern Cuba, or expatriated under the penalty of death, while the Spanish mercenaries enjoy their lands, and contribute to the destruction of the popular cause the revenue that they do not steal. Amongst the planters are several Marquises and other nobles, such as the Marquises of Villa Alba, Bejucal, Penalver, and Duquesne, the Counts Lagunillas, Jaruhillo, and of Fernandina, and the Duke Romero, Reunion, and Gibacoa. Several of the e great sugar-planters have been more slave-traders, like Zulueta and Santa Cruz de Oviedo.

THE FOREIGN POLICY OF CUBA.

Twenty Governments keep Consuls at Havana,—amongst others, Chili, Denmark, Guatemala, Sweden, Norway, Belgium, Prussia and Austria. The agent of the Associated Press of New York is Adolph D. Straus, who has long resided in the West Indies, is said to have completely won the confidence of Captain-General, and is assisted by Mr. Edward Forrest, formerly of Baltimore. The policy pursued toward the United States by the Spanish officials on the Island is a commingled suavity and dislike. The power of the country, and its dangerous proximity to the Cubah coasts, make every Captain-General afraid to disarm; and the fillibuster raids aroused American public sentiment, which can put more men in the field than any despotic nation of Europe. At the same time, it is known that our politics control our popular sympathies, and hence the Spanish authorities undoubtedly do pay, and have paid for many years, salaries to such American editors and Merricos, and parties in America. What could have been shrewder, for example, than to employ as the Spanish lawyer of New York the firm of Mr. Sydney Webster, who has long been the law of our Secretary of State? Exceptional Americans are courteously treated by the Spanish rulers, and in some cases are subsidized with jobs and contracts. A part of the whole Spanish population presides a dumb, vague fear that some day popular sympathy in the States will sweep down the policy of our parties and the timidity of our party-rulers, and make quick work with Castilian rule in Cuba. In one week, we could occupy Havana; in a month all the large ports of the Island; and there would be an exodus of Spaniards of every trade as soon as the stars and stripes waved over the Moro.

THE CHIEF CITIES OF CUBA.

The railroads of Cuba are short and numerous, poorly stocked with American cars and engines; and but two roads pay any considerable profits. The next most frequented city on the Island is Matanzas, but less than 50 miles from Havana, and is as large as New Haven or Troy. It was settled by emigrants from the Canary Islands, 280 years ago, and the name of the bay—Matanzas—means pen, or slaughter-pen. It has a superb harbor, a curious limestone cavern, and some fine tropical prospects in the vicinity. Matanzas has a social, rather than a business life, equal to Havana, with which it is connected by two railways.

Cardenas, called the American city, is also on the north coast, like Havana and Matanzas, about 100 miles by water from the former place. It was settled in John Quincy Adams' Administration, and contains 15,000 people. Sancti Espiritus, 8,000 people, and Lagua la Grande, with 8,000 people, and San Juan Remedios, whose people, persecuted by pirates, founded Villa Clara in the interior, now with 15,000 people, are old places. Puerto Principe, 200 years ago. This place is 216 miles from Havana, and the last point eastward of the Havana railroad system, which extends 100 miles west of Havana to Guines, and 40 miles east, and puts into communication with that city Cienfuegos (11,000 people), founded by a Spanish *emigre* Colonel from Louisiana; Batabano, on the old Havana road, and Trinidad. After leaving Trinidad, and its 15,000 people, which is 270 miles from Havana, there are no railways east ward, except some destroyed and detached lines in the land of the insurgents, for the remaining 550 miles of Cuba. The fare from Trinidad to Santiago de Cuba, on the southern coast, is $40; distance above 400 miles, passing within view of the sea, the Sierra de Escambray, 3,000 feet high, and the town of Manzanillo, with 6,000 people. Santiago de Cuba has 50,000 people, and the largest Cathedral in the Spanish West Indies; it is also the oldest town in Cuba, founded by Diego Velasquez in 1515, and hence started expeditions for the conquest of Yucatan, Mexico, and Florida. Velasquez is supposed to be buried here. Cortez was the first Mayor. The French and English have captured the city, and now the Spanish army uses it for a base of operations against the insurgents of the Cubans of Cuba. The copper mines of Cobre, in the vicinity, have been worked for 350 years; and the coffee-culture, established by French refugees from Santo Domingo, is near at hand, producing 62,500 pounds of coffee to every 264 acres.

Steamers proceed around the eastern cape of Cuba several times a month to Havana, stopping at Nuevitas, nearly touching Puerto Columbus in 1492, whence, also, the Spaniards operate against the insurgents of the interior, and endeavor to keep up the 45 miles of rail hence to Puerto Principe, which contains nearly 50,000 people, and is the second or third city of the Island.

Such is municipal Cuba. The other Spanish island, Porto Rico (which is 90 miles long by 33 wide, 600 miles east of Cuba, and contains 600,000 people), has one city, San Juan, of 30,000 people, and two towns, Ponce and Mayaguez, of 10,000 each. Its blacks,—the free and the slave nearly equal,—make four-sixths of the inhabitants.

PLANTERS IN CUBA.

The richest sugar-planter in Cuba is by some said to be Barros, who has six factories, and an income of $4,000,000 per annum. Another, Pedro Forcade, owns a splendid plantation, called Los Ocanas, two leagues from Havana, with 700 slaves; and there he dispenses, like the rest, profuse hospitality to strangers, so that Wendell Egryinas (one whom I met at Havana told me they had never encountered anything like it.

"We lived, there two weeks, paying nothing, and every day two horses were brought up to the door, all saddled for us to ride to the field."

The Egyptians had long cast out by the Vicroy to study sugar-making, with a view to introduce it into Egypt. They were the most acute and intelligent men I saw at Havana. Several Americans, like Mr. Forbes—rich men of Havana, making improvers and shipping men—are the owners of the new vessels. The ships have the new compound engines which require little coal, consuming only 1 ton per hour, and they will labor under carrying the English flag, will be the necessity of insuring at the English Lloyds, and taking more sailors by 250 per cent than in American hulls. The "protection" employs fewer people than Free Trade.

The feeling amongst American sailors at Havana is lond and deep against Congress that thus, by the assassinating system of the Pig-Iron men, the apparition of our flag is nearly lost on the high seas.

"Here goes the last line of American ships!" said a big second-officer, with a long oath. "Its cruel! The last thing, sure as Heaven! the Brazilian line will hoist the red cross and the Pacific Mail will have to run side by side with Englishmen from New York to China. It ain't England that is doing it. It is the United States! Why, sir, an English Captain can't run along our coast. You see them bucking at three miles and hour against the Gulf Stream, afraid of the Florida reefs. But we've got to carry their flag. We have made up our mind to do it. If we can't put our money where we like, and cover it with the stars and stripes, we'll go to a nation with some freedom and sense. The American navy to day can't get native sailors to man its ships-of-war, and it don't deserve them."

THE MORO CASTLE

has a fine freight and passenger business, and sometimes clears $10,000 a trip. It costs $80,000 to pay the expenses of one month's voyage. It carries most of the American horses shipped to Havana, which are charged the monstrous duty of $110 a head.

OUR COASTWISE STEAM SHIPPING.

Besides the Atlantic Mail, there is a line called Alexander's, which runs the City of Mexico, the City of Merida, and the Cleopatra, to Vera Cruz, and Havana.

There is a monthly steamer, the Tybee, running independently from New York to Santo Domingo; fare $100.

The Pacific Mail Company, still our greatest marine corporation, runs a semi-monthly line to Aspinwall, with three steamers, the Henry Chauncey, Rising Star, and Ocean Queen, each of 2,700 tons. The other steamer, leaving New York every 15th day of the month, stops at Jamaica, in consideration of a subsidy of $50,000 from that colony per annum. Fare to Kingston, $90; to Aspinwall, $90; to San Francisco, $150.

OUR BRAZIL MAIL STEAMERS.

The Brazil Steamship Company, subsidized with $150,000 from both the United States and Brazil, runs monthly to Rio, calling at St. Thomas and Balina 12 hours and 18 hours respectively. The steamers are the North America, South America, and Morrison, time 20 days to Rio, $225 each to the La Plata, $235 to St. Thomas, $100. The English, to bother this line, run a steamer to New York from Kingston, $35 through fare, or $175 through "dead-head" any person consigning coffee to them. The Americans keep all the trade that is good for anything, carrying about 60 tons each trip, and filling up enough way travel to run into Rio with 100. They stop besides at Para and Pernambuco. They take from 10,000 to 15,000 sacks of coffee every voyage, but began with 300 sacks each of such, worth $30 in gold. For this Company two new iron steamers are under construction at Glasgow, measuring 1,800 tons each, to run 15 miles an hour, along the coasts of the Brazilian Empire only, and fly the flag of King Pedro, because, under the patriotic system of commerce instituted by the Pig-Iron men, an American gentleman, though in a country supposed to be free, cannot hoist his flag over his own money, if a foreigner build the ship. There is a rumor that the whole American Brazilian line would now sail with new and larger vessels, under the flag of Brazil, but for the hazard of losing the AMERican half of the subsidy.

Poor old Commodore Garrison! Put money in thy purse! Go to Washington! And be assured that the days of Self-Taker Cheval to Europe every summer under the British flag, for a carouse, to spend there the money derived from taxing their country men, will rest like Egyptian fables, however you said, "if you" divide."

OUR GULF LINES.

We run small American lines from Philadelphia, Baltimore, and New Orleans to Havana, and the Clyde's comprises all our own steam commerce to the West Indies.

Our coastwise lines of sail were comprehended in agreements to New Orleans from New York, paying poorly, viz: Bakee's weekly line, composed of the Western Metropolis, the United States, the Sherman, and the Sawyer; and Cromwell's fortnightly line, the Washington and the Cromwell. The time is seven days, and the fare $50. One other steamer runs to Fernandina, Florida. There are three steamship lines from New York to Savannah, and one to Charleston. The cities of Boston, Philadelphia, and Baltimore also support lines to these points.

The traveller, comprehending any tour of business or pleasure to the tropics, will do well to preserve the above and the following notices, as we publish no ocean-marine guide-book, and fares are seldom advertised in the newspapers.

FOREIGNERS UNDER STEAM IN OUR TROPICS.

We are met in the West Indies, and at the Isthmus of Panama, by a number of foreign steamship lines.

Our leading rival is the Royal Mail Company with six steamers, running twice a month from Southampton to St. Thomas, Kingston, and Aspinwall. It is encountered in turn by an English competition with six steamers, the West India & Pacific Navigation Company.

Then the Germans have two lines—the North German Lloyd of Bremen, and the Hamburg & American Packet Company,—each with four steamers, running semi-monthly to St. Thomas, Aspinwall, Savanilla, Santa Martha, and Greytown.

The French Company General Transatlantique run four steamers monthly to St. Thomas, Martinique, and Aspinwall, and have also a line of two steamers from Havana to Vera Cruz.

The Spanish run a semi-monthly line between Havana, Porto Rico, and Cadiz, and an independent line to Barcelona; time, 25 days; fare, $200 and less.

At Panama, the two great lines, American and English, lease for the ports of the North and South Pacific. The Pacific Mail runs four steamers, the Montana, Alaska, Constitution, and Sacramento, averaging 2,700 tons each, every second ship connecting with a dodger to China. The Pacific Mail was also rendered its coastwise business to Holliday and others, who run weekly vessels along the coast of California, from Mazatlan to Victoria. Both this Pacific Mail and the English Pacific Steam Navigation Company have to pay 25 per cent on all freight passed over the Panama Railroad, and get a load for passages. This atrocious railway, not much longer than some of the horse-car roads of the United States (47 miles), gets above fifty cents in gold a mile, and runs at the rate of 3 miles an hour. International jealousy is still as variance even upon the name of the point of Aspinwall, which little roadstead and ferry-slip, the European nations persist in calling Colon (Columbus).

The English have snatched at South America with a monopoly of steam shipping. The Pacific Steam Navigation Company has six steamships from Panama to Valparaiso, and four from Valparaiso, by the Straits of Magellan, to Montevideo and Rio; thence a line by Lisbon to Southampton. The fare from New York to Callao is $180, gold. About 25 passengers generally leave Panama to go down the coast.

An English company undertook the foolish business of running direct from Panama to New Zealand, but soon gave it up.

I asked a steamship-man, well-informed on such matters, whether the subsidies granted to steamships by the South American States cost as much lobbying and expenditure as the same in Washington.

"About the same," he said; "but we have an American who is digging the grave of the English coastwise business in South America—Harry Meiggs. He is operating from Guatemala to Valparaiso, after the American fashion of *quit pro quo*, and he will have, if he lives long enough, a line under the Andes the whole length of the Pacific."

NOMENCLATURE OF FOREIGN SHIPS IN THE WEST INDIES.

By reference to the *Almanaque Mercantil*, of Havana, for 1872, I find that the Spanish mail steamers to Cadiz are named Isla de Cuba, Canarias, Mendez Nunez, Guipuzcoa, Cordillera, Espana, Santander, Antonia Lopez, and Puerto Rico. The price of passage is $220 for the best accommodation, and the other saloons range from $200 to $160 and $140. Those vessels connect with Hererra's line amongst the West Indies, called respectively Pajaro del Oceano, Barcelona, Aguila, Catalina, Mactegunna, Pelayo, and Triunfo. The Isla de Luzon, Filipinas, and Mindanao run a second line to Corunna, Santander, and other home Spanish ports, two ships named Arana and Cifuentes. The independent Spanish steamers between Cuba and Barcelona are called the Maria Castilla, and Argos. There is also a Spanish line between Liverpool and Havana, called the Jose, Rita, Gracia, Jorge, Cuba, and Habana. A Spanish line connects with these and others through the West Indies, called the Churruca, Gravina, El Cid, and El Pelayo. The French steamers between New York and Vera Cruz are called the Martinique, Guadaloupe, Florida, Louisiana, Panama, Nouveau Monde, France, Washington, Atlantique, and Ville de St. Nazaire. The line to Vera Cruz vessels either touch Sisal or Spain, or to France, is from $245 down to $80. The English steamships connecting at St. Thomas with the main line to Southampton touch at Nassau, Bahamas, and Jamaica. They charge from Havana to England $345; from Havana to Porto Rico, $60 and $30; to Vera Cruz, $40 and $25; and from Havana to Tampico, $45. The line from Liverpool to New York to Havana and New Orleans is composed of the Bienville, De Soto, and Rapidan. The steamers which run from Havana to Cadiz are Isla de Cuba and other vessels English, named Comanditario and Gorrion. A Spanish steamer, called the Nuevo Almendares, runs to the Caribbean Sea, and has a fare of $17. The coast-line vessels around Cuba bear such names as Velox Cayero, Cantabaro, Cuba, Maisi, Clara, Bahia Honda, Villa Clara, Trinidad, Jagua, Isla de Pinos, To go from Batabano to the Isle of Pines—a favorite trip with invalids—costs $7.

FOOT-NOTE.

Perhaps nothing is more striking to a student of Spanish history than the brief time required to conquer America. It had taken the Portuguese 75 years to go round the Cape of Good Hope, and Spain 700 years to drive out the Moors. But, in little above thirty years, the Spanish adventurers overran all the New World. Columbus sailed from Spain twelve years after his discovery, two years subsequent to his baron, Isabella, who had seen him, not only four years before, sent home in chains. It was not till the close of the fighting with the mainland of the continent; the next year Vespucci made an establishment in Venezuela; in 1513, the Pacific was seen by Vasco Nunez; in 1519, Cortez began to conquered; in 1517, Yucatan came in Spanish possession; Mexico City fell in 1521, and Honduras in 1524; in 1527, Peru was conquered; in 1536, the Rio de la Plata entered; in 1535, Buenos Ayres was founded, and in 1538, Assumption; in 1513, Ponce de Leon pierced Florida; in 1538, Bogota was conquered; in 1585, the Mississippi was found, and then the colonising power of Spain was exhausted. By the time of the death of Diego Columbus, son of the discoverer, and Governor of Cuba, the Indian race was well nigh over. To day it has not the dignity of a drama. Spanish America is a variety show.

GATH.

Grand Army of the Republic.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: The election of officers for the Department of Illinois, Grand Army of the Republic, resulted in the choice of the following comrades:

H. Dilger, of Springfield, Department Commander.

Guy T. Gould, of Chicago, Senior Vice Department Commander.

Thomas G. Lawler, of Rockford, Junior Vice Department Commander.

Judge Fruman, of Ottawa, Judge Advocate.

A. S. Thornton, of Grafton, Chaplain.

The elected Council of Administration and Department Staff will be announced from Department Headquarters.

The Department is reported in a prosperous condition.

Comrades H. Dilger and G. T. Gould, will be delegates to the National Convention to be held May 8, at Cleveland, O.

Two Inquiries.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: Can you tell whether the evil of overcrowding the omnibuses and street-cars is to be obviated this summer? This is a matter in which there should be a reform at once. Our public convey ances are crowded almost to suffocation at frequent intervals. Also, is the Burns Disorder to be sprinkled this season.

AN INDIGNANT CITIZEN.

CHICAGO, April 19.

Carcasses of Dead Animals.

To the Editor of the Chicago Tribune:

SIR: Whose duty is it to remove the decaying carcasses of dead animals? I notice on a vacant lot on South Green street, near Madison, two dead, rotting dogs, the stench from which is equal to that emanating from a New York tenement house. On the opposite side of the street is a case of small-pox, which is not to be wondered at.

CHICAGO, April 20. S. G.

CHICAGO LUMBER MARKET.

SATURDAY EVENING, April 20.

CARGOES—The market to-day was dull, and prices were almost nominal. Shingles and lath were firm, at $1.10 for the former, and $2 for the latter. At the close, one cargo of Hahs was left over. We note the sale of the cargo sch'r L. McDonald, from Manistee, hold full, 150 m ft Norway pine boards, at $17.00; deck load of timber, mostly 22 to 32 ft long, at $22.00. Sold by Oshman, Calkins & Co.

AT THE YARDS.

Trade was active and quotations were firm. We revise our list, as follows:

First and second clear, 1 inch	$48.00@50.00
Second clear, 1 inch to 2 inch	47.00@48.00
Third clear, 1 inch	38.00@40.00
Third clear, thick	43.00@45.00
First and second clear flooring, 10-inches	42.00
Other flooring	38.00@40.00
Common flooring, dressed first	36.00@38.00
Common flooring, dressed second	29.00@30.00
Fencing	18.00
Select upper box boards, selected, 18 inches	20.00
Select upper boards	34.00@35.00
A stock boards	30.00@31.00
B stock boards	28.00@29.00
Common boards	15.00@20.00
Joists and scantling, small timber, etc., 16 to 24 feet	12.00@20.00
Joists and scantling, 12 to 24 feet	20.00@27.00
Joists and scantling, 26 to 30 feet	30.00@32.00
Pickets, flat	14.00@15.00
Pickets, sawed	16.00@18.00
Cedar posts, split	15.00@18.00
Cedar posts, sawed	18.00@20.00
Lath	4.00@4.50
Sawed shingles, No. 1	1.70@2.00
Sawed shingles, A star	1.50@1.60

HARDWOOD.

Oak (dry)	$30.00@35.00
Oak (dry)	25.00@30.00
Walnut (dry)	60.00@65.00
Black walnut (dry)	50.00@55.00
Ash	30.00@35.00
Hickory	30.00@35.00
Cherry	40.00@45.00

OUR TRADE.

The demand was moderately active at previous rates:

A or Star shingles	$1.10@1.25
No. 1 sawed shingles	1.00@1.05

THE REDUCTION OF THE NATIONAL DEBT.

Letter from David A. Wells.

With Some Testimony from Mr. Boutwell.

To the Editor of the Tribune:

SIR: The continued and large reductions of the national indebtedness constitute, as is well known, one of the main arguments on which the advocates of financial contraction are obtaining the present as well as the future support of the people; and how adroitly, moreover, the facts of such reduction are being used for the purpose of creating political capital, the following extract from one of the leading organs of the Administration will abundantly illustrate:

The amount of the principal of the public debt paid from the 4th of March, 1869, to the 31st December, 1871, was $104,310,452.12. The amount paid from March 1, 1869, to March 1, 1873, according to the report of Mr. Boutwell, of the principal of the public debt to be paid, is only $286,778 31 less than was paid by the Government, of the principal of the public debt, in *forty-four months*. The figures are these, as all history, is there such another fact? And with what contempt can any one point to the record of the Administration of President Grant! About $200,000,000 of debt paid in three years!

Now, as the above is given in connection on the one hand with the facts of our present financial misery, and is therefore being used,—in a majority of instances doubtless unintentionally,—as a means of deceiving the people, we think the time has come when the real truth should be plainly stated, and a clear understanding arrived at as to the question above propounded, namely: Where, in all history, is there another case as fast as the payment of $200,000,000 of indebtedness in three years?

To do this, it is necessary to go back in time for a period of about four years, and recall to mind the circumstances above all others, out of which the Democratic party attempted to make capital against the Republican Presidential campaign of 1868, viz: the enormous expenditures of the three years immediately succeeding the termination of the war. The facts that such expenditures had been made could not be denied. The evidence about forth in bold relief the every report emanating from the Treasury; but the charge that they were reckless, unnecessary, and discreditable was fully met and answered by Mr. Boutwell in the speech delivered in the House of Representatives July 31, 1868, by Edward Atkinson, Esq., in a speech before the Republican State Convention of Massachusetts Sept. 9, 1868; and by the then Special Commissioner of the Revenue, in a letter addressed to myself, which was published and circulated by the National Republican Committee. In all of these the proof, obtained by analyzing a large mass of Treasury documents, though necessarily somewhat circumstantial, was nevertheless entirely conclusive, that the expenditures in question were legitimate and necessary, that the money had not been wasted, and that the debts and liabilities of the Government at the close of the war were very greatly in excess of the figures which actually appeared upon the books of the Treasury. The proceeds of the sales of stores reported to be enormously small, and, owing to the present position of its author, so significant in its bearings upon what is now proposed to be made political capital, that we quote entire its most important passage—remarking at the same time, for the benefit of those interested, that the whole is in full may be found in the *Congressional Globe*, 1867-8, Part V., Pp. 4226-4236. He says:

I wish to call the attention of the House to the fact disclosed by careful examination of statistics obtained from the Secretary of the Treasury, showing that during the last three years we have expended for the military and naval establishments, including interest on the public debt, two years and a half since the war closed, the sum of $1,500,000,000 in money. Seven-eighths of this vast sum was paid out in the settlement of claims and in the purchase of supplies which were actually due at the close of the war and for which provision had been made by law in respect of the expenses of the war. Adding the amount thus paid to the balance exhibited by the books of the Treasury, and the sum total of the expenditures during the first three years of peace foots up $2,500,000,000. This does not include the expenses of the Navy Department, which have been very large, nor the expenses of the Post-Office Department, which have been enormous, nor the expenses of the Freedmen's Bureau, which have been large, nor the expenses of the Indian Department, which have been large, nor the expenses of the Pacific Railroad, which have been large, nor the expenses of the Department of Agriculture, which have been large, nor the expenses of the Department of Public Works in the District of Columbia, which have been large, nor the expenses of the Department of Justice, which have been large, nor the expenses of the Department of the Interior, which have been large, nor the expenses of the Department of State, which have been large, nor the expenses of the Department of Education, which have been large, nor the expenses of the Department of Commerce, which have been large, nor the expenses of the Department of Labor, which have been large, nor the expenses of the Department of Health, which have been large, nor the expenses of the Department of Transportation, which have been large, nor the expenses of the Department of Energy, which have been large, nor the expenses of the Department of Defense, which have been large, nor the expenses of the Department of Homeland Security, which have been large, nor the expenses of the Department of Veterans Affairs, which have been large, nor the expenses of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, which have been large, nor the expenses of the Department of Agriculture

WASHINGTON.

CHICAGO RELIEF FUNDS.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—R. T. Merrick, Chairman of the Chicago Relief Committee, has been endeavoring to raise the balance of the money voted for the relief of Chicago, $75,000, and Governor Dennison has expressed his willingness to advance the money next week, in addition of the Commissioners of the sinking fund.

THE KANSAS SENATORS.

The Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections met and took up the case of the Kansas Senators, to day. Examination showed that the Committee had received no instructions, and had no power to call witnesses; no conclusion as to the method of proceeding was reached. It was agreed that the matter should go over until Tuesday, when a definite course will be agreed upon. Meantime a number of prominent citizens of Kansas are here, ready to give testimony if the Committee really undertakes to investigate the matter.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

CAUSES OF STEAMBOAT DISASTERS.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—The Executive Committee of the Association of steamboatmen, now in session, was called on the Secretary of the Treasury, to say, verbally, that the modifications in fire Ongers and other regulations in the steamboat law Mr. Boutwell, being engaged in preparing his forthcoming annual report, desired that the Committee should embody their views in writing, to whom they explained their views at length. In the morning and in the interview was a statement concerning the frequency of steamboat accidents, loss of life, property, &c., the causes inevitable, &c., and it was stated that fifteen years ago steamboats of the same capacity carried 30 per cent more passengers, and the per cent more freight than now, while the loss of life and property by accident was a great deal less than now. The material which went into the construction of steam machinery was then far superior in quality to that now used, and a greater degree of vigilance existed. The Committee also urged the reason for the relaxation in regulations by engineers in the various steamboat inspectors' district, and other rules, as required by steamboat men to be attached to engines and boilers to prevent explosions, the effect of which tends to render engineers less careful. It was also stated that there is a deficiency of 10 to 15 per cent in the quality of iron and other material going into the construction of steam machinery, and of boilers, compared with that formerly used. Judge Richardson will hear the Committee further on Monday.

THE IMPEACHED JUDGE.

The House Committee on Judiciary, to-day examined several witnesses in regard to charges against Judge Delahay, District Judge for Kansas.

THE SAN JUAN BOUNDARY TREATY.

The treaty was forty-one days in the Jamestown and Kimbay left on a Government vessel, this morning, for Mount Vernon, to visit the tomb of Washington.

APPOINTED.

John Jay Knox has been appointed Comptroller of the Currency.

CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, April 20.

A bill was passed authorizing the consideration of a bridge across the Missouri River at Brownsville, Neb.

Mr. CARPENTER introduced a bill to restore the waters of Bay Superior to their natural outlet at Superior City.

Mr. SCOTT moved to take up House bill to repeal the duty on tea and coffee.

Mr. TRUMBULL moved to amend so as to repeal the duty on salt and coal.

At the cessation of the morning hour, unfinished business, viz.—the Texas Pacific Railroad bill, was taken up.

Mr. RAMSAY moved to lay it on the table for the purpose of taking up the Postal Code bill.

Amendments were adopted limiting the issue of construction bonds to $10,000 per mile, and authorizing the Company to issue bonds in trust to secure their land bonds any land may acquire by consolidation with other lines to an amount not greater than is provided, however, that this act shall not be construed to revive or make any forfeiture heretofore incurred by the acquired shall be subject to limitations and conditions of this act, and that the Co. thorize the di from the pur- ward, provi the con- ment of Public Lands.

Mr. Sherman, Committee on Finance, reported back the bill to amend the Act to provide for the better collection of the duties on imports and tonnage, with an amendment providing that the provisions of the act shall not apply to the collection of duties on imports and tonnage in the Territories of Alaska, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Dakota and Nebraska.

Mr. SHERMAN explained the amendment, which was agreed to.

Mr. SHERMAN moved to amend the bill by adding a section repealing the duty on salt.

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VIOLATIONS OF LAW.

The constant use of public patronage for purposes of political dictation, the wholesale plundering of the Southern States, the abuses in the Civil Service, the centralization of power at Washington, are not the only things to be rebuked at Cincinnati. Grave as these are, and subversive of the republican system, and fraught with danger as they are to the prosperity of the country, there are still other offences more grave and dangerous than these even, growing out of the military idea of government, which is a law unto itself, and which, furnishing bad precedents, is calculated to produce greater mischief in the future. The Administration is arraigned not only for tolerating corrupt practices in the New York Custom House after they had been exposed, not only for its persistent attempts to violation of the Constitution and the laws by those who hold the highest offices in the Government. These are the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of the Navy, and the Postmaster General. The counts in the indictment against these officials are as follows:

1. The President violated the Constitution, which provides that Congress shall have power "to declare war, grant letters of marque and reprisal, and make captures on land and water," by virtually declaring war against Hayti, pending the negotiation with Baez for the purchase of San Domingo by the United States. The circumstances are these: At the time of this negotiation, Hayti and San Domingo were at war with each other, and the President stationed a monitor in front of the City of Port-au-Prince, and notified the Haytien authorities that if any interference was made with the negotiations then pending, the United States vessel would bombard and destroy the city. The notification was not only a military act against a Government with which we were at peace, performed upon the responsibility of the President, not only a clear usurpation of the functions of Congress, but also a palpable and open violation of law which has never been rebuked.

2. The President has violated the law by making military officers members of his Kitchen Cabinet. This charge was brought against him by Senator Trumbull, in his New York speech, and the charge was denied, at the office-holders' meeting, by Senator Wilson, Chairman of the Senate Military Committee, on the ground that no law had been passed prescribing that military officers should not perform civil duties. Upon this point Senator Wilson was probably misinformed. The law which the President violated is contained in the Army Appropriation bill for 1871, Sec. 18, approved July 15, 1870, of which the following is a verbatim copy:

And be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for any officer of the army of the United States on the active list to hold any civil office, to which a salary or emolument is attached; and any such officer accepting or exercising the functions of a civil office shall at once cease to be an officer of the army, and his commission shall be vacated thereby.

In direct violation of this very simple and clear provision, which was passed for the very purpose of sending Dent, Porter, and Babcock back to their military duties, these officers of the army continue to "exercise the functions of civil offices" at the Executive Mansion. The point is not that they are personally objectionable, or unfit to exercise such functions, but that the law says they shall not, and still they do.

3. The Secretary of the Treasury has violated the law passed at the second session of the Fortieth Congress, which, while it granted him the permission to carry out certain financial measures, did so upon the express condition that he should not, at any time, increase the public debt. The law was violated by his Syndicate operations, which increased the public debt one hundred and thirty millions for three months, the Secretary urging as an excuse for this violation that he could save money thereby.

4. The Secretary of the Navy violated the law in paying to Messrs. Secor & Co. and Perine, Secor & Co. the sum of $93,000. The law, approved July 13, 1868, authorized the payment of $115,539.01 to these claimants, which shall be in full discharge of all claims against the United States on account of the vessels upon which the Board made the allowance." Neither the Secor firms nor the Secretary of the Navy have made any pretence that the $93,000 were paid for any other claims than those upon which Congress and ex-Secretary Welles had already acted. The Secretary of the Navy violated a law of Congress by reopening accounts which had already been adjudicated and finally settled in pursuance of an express law.

The civil example is thus set to some fifty thousand office-holders, subordinates of the President and his Secretaries, of obeying law so far as it suits them, and disobeying it as to the rest. If this is a Government of law, and not a one-man power, it is time for the people to have something to say about it.

REDUCTION OF THE DEBT.

Hon. David A. Wells publishes, in the *Nation*, a statement showing the payments of the public debt made during the Administrations of Andrew Johnson and President Grant, respectively, from which it appears that the rate of payment was about twice as rapid under the former as under the latter. This statement is fortified by a speech of the Hon. George S. Boutwell, delivered in the House of Representatives in the last year of Johnson's Administration. In this speech Mr. Boutwell shows that the payments during the three years of Johnson's term which had then expired amounted to $1,060,000,000. But, as Mr. Boutwell included in this the regular payments for interest and pensions for three years, the actual reduction of the debt during that time amounted to only $470,326,650 under Johnson, against $899,649,769 for the corresponding period under Grant. During the Johnson period, however, there was issued to the Pacific Railroads $42,190,000 of bonds, and paid to the Russian Government $7,200,000 for Alaska. Both these sums should be added to the amount of debt-reduction credited to Johnson, making the whole amount of reduction under his term about $520,000,000. Mr. Wells might have added that about $12,000,000 of Boutwell's debt-reduction was accomplished by the sale of war-material to France.

What does all this prove? Simply that the people paid heavy taxes under both Johnson and Grant, heavier under Johnson than under Grant, and that the surplus, over and above current expenditures, was applied to the reduction of the debt. There are three ways, says Mr. Wells, to use a surplus of public revenue. One way is to steal it, another is to hoard it, and the third is to pay debts with it. Both Johnson and Grant, or, more properly speaking, McCulloch and Boutwell, adopted the third way, and, the example having been set by McCulloch, he is entitled to the greater credit, if any credit is due, for the exercise of the plainest common sense.

It appears that another movement has been set on foot to secure the removal of Colonel Eastman as Postmaster of Chicago. If it is successful, it will be accomplished for the same reasons that caused Mr. Whitman to be removed from the office of Assessor of Internal Revenue in the Sixth District of this State, in violation of the so-called Civil Service Reform. Probably other reasons will be assigned, and that will lead naturally to a comparison of Colonel Eastman's case with other appointments of a more recent date than his. It is quite certain that Chicago has never had a more acceptable Postmaster than Colonel Eastman, or one who has labored more assiduously to accommodate the public in the delivery and transmission of the mails. Whatever disposition may be made of him at Washington, he will be held in high estimation at home as a faithful, laborious, and painstaking officer.

THE NEW TARIFF AND TAX BILL.

There has not been a session of Congress since March, 1861, at which there has not been a Tariff act passed, and the result is a series of amendatory acts, all partly in force and constituting in themselves a code, as repulsive in bulk, as it is crude and dishonest in matter and design. This Tariff code was built up at first under the plea that the extraordinary needs of the Government demanded more revenue; but, notwithstanding the fact that the war was closed in April, 1865, and the army disbanded soon after, and the Government immediately, from its surplus revenues, began to pay the debt, a majority in Congress, two years later, had the brazen effrontery to pass another Tariff doubling the cost (without revenue) of all wools, and again, as late as July, 1870, passed another act increasing the taxes on copper and a variety of other articles.

We have now reached that point in tariff taxation when the country must decide whether Governments were instituted for the general welfare or for the benefit of a privileged class, and whether the country shall continue to be taxed as no other people have ever been taxed, to support this privileged class. In all other concerns of life, the taking of a man's property in order to give to another man, without consideration, is pronounced robbery; in this matter of the tariff, the same process is called "protection."

We have now a copy of the bill recently reported by a majority of the Committee of Ways and Means, and it is the more notable as being the first [illegible] in Congress for a general reduction of taxation. Though it is a weak bill in many respects, and so imperfect in every way that even those who reported it consider it extremely defective, and only tolerable because it was the best they could frame with any hope for its adoption, still it has the grand recommendation that it proposes to reduce taxation more generally, and with less loss of revenue, than any bill which has been before Congress since 1867. For that reason, despite its faults and shortcomings, we think the bill ought to pass, and that the friends of Reform in the House should refuse to adjourn Congress until the representatives and agents of monopoly in the Senate accept the bill.

The bill, as reported, relates to two branches of taxation: that pertaining to the tariff, and that concerning internal revenue. It connects the two subjects, making the reduction upon the one contingent upon the other. This policy is the result of a necessity. The friends of the protective robbery are extremely anxious to repeal the internal revenue tax, every dollar of which is revenue, and they propose to leave ten-fold that amount of taxes producing no revenue unrepealed. For this reason they seek to repeal the tax on tea and coffee, all of which is revenue, but refuse to reduce those on sugar, which, as now framed, are protective. They propose to abolish various stamp taxes, all of which produce revenue, but object to any reduction of the tax on iron, coal, salt, woollen or cotton goods, linens, paints, glass, steel, and other commodities, of which taxes it is computed the United States receive only one-seventh of the whole amount paid by the people. While it is conceded that the Government is in receipt of from $50,000,000 to $60,000,000 more revenue than is needed, there are two modes of granting relief. One is that proposed by the Protectionists, to repeal taxes to the amount of $50,000,000, all of which is paid into the Treasury; and the other mode, proposed by the Revenue Reformers, is to repeal, say, taxes which amount annually to $200,000,000, and of which the Government receives only $60,000,000. Both plans accomplish the same result of reducing revenue, but that of the Revenue Reformers repeals taxes now paid by the people to more than three times the amount repealed in the other mode.

This bill begins this reduction of taxes levied for protection. It reduces the tax on cotton goods, according to their quality, from 15 to 20 per cent, the present duties ranging from 34 to 72 per cent. Under these oppressive duties, those establishments in this country which do not make their own cloth, but simply print goods, have been nearly ruined because of the high cost of the raw material of their industry. Under these duties, the manufacture of cotton goods has declined, and, in 1872, we make less cotton goods in the United States, with 40,000,000 of people, than we did in 1860, with 31,000,000 of people. While we would have welcomed a general reduction of duties on cotton goods to 25 and 30 per cent, we accept what is offered by the Committee as better than no relief at all. In like manner the duties on wool, and iron, and steel, and on the manufactures of these, are reduced, not to the extent which we think they ought to be, but they are reduced, especially on those items where the present tax is prohibitory. On some articles of woollen manufacture, as on blankets and flannels, the present duty is over 100 per cent, and on other grades ranning down to 68 per cent. The present bill reduces these duties 25 per cent. So prohibitory are some of these taxes that, though these articles are of necessary use, the whole revenue is very small. The reduction on carpets, especially of the cheaper kinds, is but 5 per cent from the present extortionate rate of 53 to 89 per cent. But it is a beginning, which it is important should be made, leaving to the next Congress, which we hope, be composed more of representatives of the people than the present one, to continue the reduction. Another monstrosity partially mitigated by this bill is the duty on spool cotton. The present tax is 6 cents per dozen spools of 100 yards each, and 30 per cent *ad valorem*, equal to 71 per cent. This bill reduces the tax to 5 cents per dozen and 25 per cent *ad valorem*.

The bill does not contain any item relating to type and printing material. The present duty on type is 25 per cent. The type founders of the United States are few in number, and are combined to maintain prices which are both oppressive and uncalled for. They have just flooded the country with remonstrances against a reduction of the protection. In this remonstrance they assert that American type are better, are the only ones that can be used profitably in this country, and are now sold cheaper than foreign type can be landed and sold for, even if the duty was repealed. Notwithstanding this, they insist that, if this tax be repealed, they will have to close up their foundries, and leave the United States without type and dependent wholly upon Europeans.

This statement of reasons for the tax on type, which, with the freights and premium on gold, is equal to a protection of 35 per cent, shows that, if no other duty ought to be abolished, this one ought. When American manufacturers can produce a better article, for less money, than the imported, every cent of taxation for protection is clear robbery.

We trust the bill—amended it may be in various items, with a liberal enlargement of the free list—will pass. A better bill may fail; but this, as a beginning, is something in the right direction, and should be assured if possible.

Mr. W. Gibbons, President of the New York State Workingmen's Union, sent a letter to the office-holders' meeting in New York, pledging the 20,000 members of that organization to vote for Grant.

It is rumored that the Workingmen's party held a National Convention in Columbus, Ohio, a short time since, and nominated Judge Davis for President. How does it happen, then, that Mr. Gibbons pledges the workingmen of the State of New York to vote for Grant? The fact is, that neither Mr. Gibbons nor the Columbus Convention represent anybody but a few blackmailers who get together just before every election to sell something which they cannot deliver. These fellows are not workingmen themselves, nor are they known to workingmen in any other way than as busy-bodies who are always holding conventions and passing resolutions. So far from controlling the workingmen's votes, they cannot control their own. When election day comes they go to the polls and vote the Republican ticket or the Democratic ticket (generally the latter), according to their respective preferences, leaving a few dupes and greenhorns, and a diminishing number of those, to vote the so-called Labor-Reform ticket. They polled fewer votes this spring than last, in New Hampshire and Connecticut, and will poll fewer next fall than this spring.

The promise of Mr. Gibbons, that he will deliver 20,000 votes of workingmen to Grant, next fall, is equally empty with that of the Columbus Convention, that they will deliver the workingmen's vote to Davis and Parker. They have nothing to deliver. A few saphead politicians, who have not been through the mill, will deliver greenbacks to the leaders of the Labor-Reform party, and will get nothing but moonshine in return.

ERRORS OF TAXATION.

In the current number of the *Lakeside Monthly* is an Article from the pen of Mr. Walter Wright, of this city, on the subject of taxation. It is a comprehensive statement of the difficulties which attend all systems of taxation, and the expense, irregularities, injustice, and distress which are inseparable from every general mode of taxation yet devised. The general valuation system, which is in force in this State, is by no means an exception; it is peculiarly open to the objection of inequality, because a very large portion of property escapes taxation entirely, and because the valuations are subject to the varying judgment of the hundreds of persons appointed to make them. The income tax comes nearer to substantial equity than any other; but the impossibility of an honest enforcement of it makes it practically unequal, because exempting some and increasing the burden upon others. Mr. Wright presents all these objections to the several modes of taxation in operation in this country, and discusses them clearly and with force. The error of all these systems, he contends, is the invariable departure from the only true principle of taxing, consumption instead of production. All our plans of taxation assail production, taxing its means, and thereby reducing it. Labor and capital, both essential to production, are made the objects of taxation. The rawest product is taxed at every stage until it becomes the perfected article; and at each stage the accumulated tax with its incidence is added to the cost, and at last is collected from the consumer. All our systems, though not so claimed, in fact are aimed at, and do have the effect of, restraining production and increasing the cost of everything. For this purpose we spend millions of dollars annually to maintain an army of persons to confiscate a portion of the capital and the wages of labor that might be employed in increasing production.

Mr. Wright, after a careful survey of the whole subject, inclines to the opinion that all taxation which in any form bears upon production should be abandoned, and that taxation should be applied to consumption. That, instead of taxing products at every stage and in every form, there should be one tax, and that collected when the product is consumed, and direct from the consumer. In this way all the incidences of the tax would be avoided, and, while the revenue of the State would be no less, the final tax paid by the consumer would be measurably reduced. By this means the regiments and brigades of Assessors and Collectors and clerks and accountants, with their enormous aggregate salaries, would be saved, and these men, now withdrawn, would be restored to productive labor, each producing something more than he consumes, and thus adding to the general wealth, instead of consuming it as now.

Mr. Wright finds in the system of licenses a nearer approach to an equitable system of taxation than any other. This system is the least expensive; is unfailing in the collection of the revenue it imposes; is cheerfully borne by the people; and emancipates labor and capital from the burden which now bears upon them at every step. Though Mr. Wright does not go into any detail of this form of license tax, his presentation of the defects of all other forms, and his showing that this is at least exempt from those defects, renders his paper extremely interesting, and well calculated to arrest attention, and lead thoughtful men to a careful consideration of this perplexing question.

VISITS FROM ENGLISH AUTHORS.

The success of Charles Dickens in this country as a reader and lecturer has begun to turn the heads of other English authors, and, upon application from Lecture Bureaus on this side of the water, two of them, Edmund Yates and James Anthony Froude, have consented to come this summer, and others are making their arrangements to do so in the future. Mr. Yates will reach this country in the middle of August, and, after visiting the watering-places until the end of September, will be ready to lecture during the winter. He has four lectures, one upon "Princes of the Pen,"—Dickens, Thackeray, Jerrold, and Tennyson, with personal reminiscences of them and original letters; one on "English Society," with descriptions of high and low life in England, as seen in the parks, at the opera, in country homes, by the seaside, and at Court; one on "The British Parliament;" and the last on "Good Authors at a Discount,"—an essay on various good writers whose works are but little known. Mr. Froude will deliver five lectures on the troubles between England and Ireland, tracing their rise, progress, and causes, in an historical way. Wilkie Collins has been appealed to also, but finds that the rhetorical gout stands in the way of his coming at present, and that "Poor Miss Finch," "Miss or Mrs.?" and the dramatic version of "The Woman in White," having all been produced in the compass of one year, he must have rest. He adds a hopeful side to his letter, however:

> writing a new tale the proposals made to me for the whole of the present year, determined, during such literary work as will not fatigue me. All that rest and freedom from literary responsibility can do to fit me physically for a visit to America they shall do. I am seriously bent on doing all that I can to train myself especially for a visit to the United States. I must be stronger than I am now before I take the serious responsibility of meeting my American readers in public.

Charles Reade is very desirous to come, but, having founded his ideas of remuneration upon the success and popularity of Dickens in this country, it is not very likely that any Lecture Bureau will have the hardihood to engage him. Mr. Reade not only has not a tithe of the popularity which Dickens had in this country, and still has, through his works, but what popularity he did have, in the days of Peg Woffington and Christie Johnstone, has been seriously diminished by some of his later works, especially by his "Terrible Temptation." Mr. Reade, in fact, has no more popularity in America than Mr. Yates or Wilkie Collins,—probably not so much as the latter; and his estimate of himself he will find greatly overrated if he ever comes to this country. Mr. Yates and Mr. Froude will each meet with a warm welcome and with unvarying success wherever they may lecture. The tour will be mutually advantageous, as men of their powers of observation will find many new themes for study and work.

The burden of the Administration organs and partisans, with reference to the recent meeting at New York, is, that it was not an office-holders' meeting. Senator Morton, in his speech, made a special allusion to this in the following words:

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Schedule of Reduced Railroad Fares to the Convention.

Illinois.

MATAMORA, Ill., April 20.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: The Liberal Republicans of Woodford County are beginning to look with great interest towards the Cincinnati Convention. There are quite a number of prominent Republicans here who are in sympathy with the Liberal movement.

It is reported here that the Hon. A. M. Cavan has declared himself in favor of the Cincinnati Convention. He is an able and energetic Republican, a young man of fine ability, and the report here has created some excitement among the Grant wing of the party. Cor.

The Galesburg *Free Press* says:

We are assured that among others of our city who are in favor of the reforms promised at Cincinnati, are Chief Justice Lawrence, Judge A. M. Smith, the Hon. T. G. Frost, Judge Kinsell, Col. Williams, Jr., Colonel Wilder, and most of the talent and intelligence of the Republican party. The German element is all but unanimous for the Cincinnati movement. So say the Swedes. The Reformers make a strong showing in Galesburg.

Iowa.

The Dubuque *Times*, publishing the call for a Liberal Republican meeting in that city, with 198 signatures, says:

Although it is at matter of news to our readers, and at the request of some of the gentlemen most actively connected with the movement, we have attached to the call inserted a portion of our German Republican ticket, and a few of our prominent Independent heretofore identified with the Republican party. We do not doubt the sincerity of the convictions of these gentlemen, and assist only the wisdom and the necessity of their action.

Indiana.

The Terre Haute *Gazette* says:

Colonel R. E. Ross, who was the Republican Elector for this Congressional District at the last Presidential election, and who is one of the leading men in the whole State, will represent Greene County in the approaching anti-Grant Convention at Cincinnati.

Minnesota.

To the Republicans of Minnesota:

The undersigned, Republicans of the State of Minnesota,—believing that the management of the National affairs by the party in power for the past has fallen into the hands of men who are using the organization for the purpose of self-aggrandizement and personal rather than for the interest of the public at large, and recognizing that it is impossible to reform the Government from the inside, by power of the party, or by appeal resorted to by political parties, inasmuch as the party in power is the party to be reformed,—Office-Holders' Convention at Philadelphia,—do hereby declare:

1. That military rule in all parts of the country should cease, and no further punishment be inflicted upon citizens for past political offences.

2. That the holder of the Presidential office should be limited to one term.

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4. That a reform in the Civil Service should be inaugurated such as to relieve political actions from official patronage.

5. That the encroachments of the Federal upon Local Governments and the centralization of the General Government should be checked.

6. That frauds upon the Government by officials should be rebuked, the acts of the guilty investigated, and exposed, and the perpetrators punished without fear or favor.

Believing that the extraordinary emergency requiring the temporary action of the Republicans of Minnesota who agree with the sentiments expressed herein, to unite with us in actual contest for the success of Republican principles, called to meet in Cincinnati on the first day of May next, there to counsel with Republicans from all parts of the country in relation to the means and measures necessary to accomplish the desired reform.

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The above address, though signed by prominent Republicans from various portions of the State, has had no general circulation, as there has been no assemblage for an interchange of views among those who favored it. The call for a State Convention of many would have been glad of the opportunity to join in the address, whose names are not appended. It is unfortunate, and has for its unfortunate manner of its presentation, a greater opportunity would have been afforded. The signers have no wish for themselves in constituting themselves especial leaders of the new and important movement which bids fair to revolutionize the country. They invite the hearty cooperation and support, upon an equal footing, of all who believe that the time has come when action must be taken to purge the Republican party of the domination of Grant and his associates. Since the great meeting in New York on the 12th, the Presidential campaign for 1872 can be considered fairly inaugurated. The contest is to be one between the Republican party, the men who have been the most steadfast friends of the country, appeal to their brethren to meet them in council to consider the public abuses of the office-holders, and to this invitation Minnesota makes response. No one can for a moment suppose that the signers fear that he is going over to the Democratic party. He is simply placing himself in the ranks of honest Republicans who believe that party ties should have a nobler destiny than mere subordination to personal purposes to join in the deliberations of that body. Accepting the proposed Convention as entirely of and within the Republican party, and dedicated to promote the success of Republican measures, we are actuated by no other motive and for the honored prosperity of the whole country, and we believe the time has come for equal laws, equal protection, and equal privileges to be accorded to all the people of the Union.

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Believing these views are shared by a large majority of the Republicans of the country, we will cordially unite with all advisory movements which the organization looking to the advancement of the Republican party, and to the overthrow of the hands of patronism and peace and we confidently hope that the whole people, regardless of party affiliation, are prepared to join in the common effort to secure an administration of the Government that will make fraternity, liberty, and law the cherished faith of all classes in all sections of our Represented Union.

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HORSE-CAR CASE.

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Loves and Woes of the Sparrows--The International Boat Race.

The "Westfield" Explosion--Attempts of the Ferry Company to Escape Pecuniary Responsibility.

Tinkering the Divorce Laws--The Corrupt Judges--Amusements.

From Our Own Correspondent.

NEW YORK, April 18.

Spring has come at last. I don't know where it came from,—we don't any of us, and we don't particularly care; we only know that we have lost the coldest, siskiest, and, in every way, the most utterly detestable five months of winter that ever afflicted a tolerably respectable city. If anybody finds the said Winter, he is herein and hereby antecedently ordered not to return the same to whence he chooses to come, after the full measure of punishment due to such a malefactor. The grass has started, the trees are budding, spring-flowers are in, and the usual crowd of spring-poets, ploughmen and whitewashers signify that the cold weather has gone for good, and that somebody has got to pay for it.

The sparrows—poor little feathered donkeys!—seemed this year to really pay heed to the ancient notion, and to mate on St. Valentine's Day. Certain it is, that some weeks ago, when there came a day or two of unseasonably bright and summer weather, there was a tremendous flinging and chirping among our little brown-coated friends. Certain love-transactions were wrought to a speedy termination; the consent of the ornithological parents was either obtained or done without; and scores of couples of young and tender birds mated at once, and immediately undertook the cares of housekeeping, without the slightest preliminary waiting till the 1st of May, and giving proper notice to the landlord. The silly belles of Sparrowhood, thus untimely wedded, proceeded to lay their unlucky eggs, and to hatch out their unseasonable babies. Long before the time the Fates were fairly over, the sparrow-census properly made up, and the families doing quite as well as could be expected, the bright days had vanished, the deceitful sun had hidden its face, and a most disreputable snow-storm had driven from the land every sign and token of spring, and had robbed the town in a light amount of two inches and a half of new snow. Sorrow was in Birdland. The callow young were frozen to death by hundreds, for the full-fledged parents had all they could do to keep themselves warm by the closest possible hugging and snuggling. The shrieks and the quiet streets where the pert little sparrows resort to attend to their domestic cares, were the scenes of scores of woeful little tragedies, for whole broods of little ones, too early brought into this breathing world, were frozen stark and stiff. For a time, the too-eager parents grave over their efforts to raise families, and contented themselves, as best they might, with bright and pleasant hops of the future. That future is now on hand, prompt to time, and the little fellows are now "at it again," as active and as enterprising as though they hadn't lost large families of most promising offspring not a month since. Whether they have taken again the old vows, whose eagerness led them into such sad mistakes before, or whether they have gone before some grave old Judge of an owl, who has granted a bold-faced divorce to the wife of one of them with leave to marry again to all parties, is no alimony allowed, I can't say. I do know though, that, unless all signs fail, we shall have just as big a crop of sparrow-children as in the stream.

But our amateurs stand on the same platform with the English. All are gentlemen to whom rowing is simply a recreation, not a business, and who row simply for the sport which either crew enjoys is only limited by the inclination of the members both crews are morally certain to go all they know as peculiarly when, as in this case, the national feeling and the national emulation of different countrymen come into play.

The "gentleman-sportsman" of America are wonderfully interesting in their contest, and there are several individuals who have already invested thousands of dollars each on the event. The city is full, too, of enthusiastic John Bulls, who, believing that in the war of athletic sports, England can never be beaten, and, moreover, having before them the precedent of the Harvard-Oxford race are very ready to turn an honest penny by investing their money to the bottom dollar, on their countrymen. The next two months will see lively times in the betting-market, and the boat-race itself, on the evening of the 10th of next June, declares the victory, will decide the ownership of more gold than would suffice not only to give both crews all they could carry, but to sink both boats "deeper than did ever plummet sound."

THE "WESTFIELD" EXPLOSION.

You remember the explosion of the Staten Island ferry-boat Westfield, about a year ago, when a hundred and one persons were instantly killed by fire, scalding water, red-hot steam, or being driven by the paddle-wheels to drown; and several other hundreds were either maimed or otherwise injured; while distress and wretchedness were carried to many a house that had been, before that day, happy and content. Certain wives who had been left widows, children whose parents had been killed, and mothers whose bread-winners had been suddenly taken away, sued the Ferry Company to recover from it such compensation as money can give for a loss so tremendous as is there. By advice of counsel, one or two test cases were first tried, in order to determine at the least expense the prospect of recovering damages, and the proper way to go about it. The verdict given against the Company, as they should have been,—for not only was its boat old and rotten, the boilers weak, leaky and patched in a dozen places, and the whole concern unfit to be trusted to carry even a load of sand, but to freight cattle as the ferry managers themselves, but the Engineer was a colored man so ignorant that he did not know how to read and write, but he could *feel*—tell, for example, the figures on his steam-gauge. Another test, the figures on his steam-gauge. Another case whereunto utter recklessness of human life has been displayed has not occurred in the whole history of accident by steam. The Company, of course, appealed the suits. In each of which the verdict of $5,000 damages had been given against it,—that being the assessed value of a human life in those latitudes. From one tribunal to another their many lawyers carried the suits, hoping to tire out or use up the capital of the poor contestants, though knowing that, as all the law was against them, the ultimate verdict must go as afore them also. Them was, however, too much indignation about the outrage to let the matter drop. Men of means stood behind the poor prosecutors; the money was found to carry the thing on, until, at last, by a decision given by the Court of last resort, all the preceding judgments of the lower Courts were affirmed. The Staten Island Ferry Company then found itself in the position of having to settle several hundred suits for deaths and damages, and to disburse a sum which would not only use up all the capital of the Company, but also trench severely on the private fortunes of the stockholders,—such a thing as "limited liability" not being recognized in this instance. Attachments were issued against the property of the Company, and, for the past six weeks, its boats have been in the custody of Deputy Sheriffs, although permitted, for the convenience of the travelling public, to continue their regular trips. The lawyers of the Company are now endeavoring to compromise the suits, and satisfy the claimants for damages with a few dollars each. The climax of the affair yet to be told. The power which the Company is now using to squeeze the sufferers down to its terms is this: They say, "If you won't accept what we choose to offer, the Company will go into bankruptcy, and then you won't get anything." There is, in fact, a bill now, at this minute, before the Legislature, to enable corporations to go into bankruptcy when under judgment, mortgage, or decree." Although there is no mention of any particular organization, it is well understood that the intent and purpose of it are to enable the Staten Island Ferry Company to sell out to itself, and immediately reorganize under another name, and continue its business. This course of action, although it would get rid of debts and judgments already declared against it, would shield it against any other suits to be hereafter commenced on the old score; and so all those of the claimants who had been waiting the issue of the last suits would get absolutely nothing. Can the force of such rascality any further go? It has been stated that "Corporations have no bodies to be kicked and no souls to be damned," and it is on the strength of that the wealthy Corporators, instead of being put on trial for the many manslaughters caused by their criminal negligence, and being called to an account for the blood with which each one is stained, are not even to be compelled to make their paltry contribution for the support of the orphans and widows they themselves have made.

THE DIVORCE BUSINESS.

You are no longer to have a monopoly of the divorce business in your city, my dear Tribune. Our lawyers have long watched with envious eyes the amount of business, and consequent cash, thrown into the offices of your divorce purveyors by those unhappy people who are so eager to dissolve the tie that binds them together, that they are willing to pay ten times the money to be set free that they paid to be married. Those lawyers who are so eager to dissolve the tie that binds the original splice. Well, our lawyers have gone to work to get the Legislature to enable them to fix up some sort of partnership divorces here. It is to be left to the discretion of the Judges, whether the necessity of going "way out West" merely to accomplish such a trifle. The new Divorce bill now before the Legislature provides, in addition to causes specified in the old law, that the marriage-contract may be dissolved for insanity of either party for five years, for habitual drunkenness of either party for three years, for desertion for two years, or where "a husband shall, by cruel and inhuman conduct, render his wife's life burdensome and condition intolerable for the space of two consecutive years." This last clause reads as if it were drawn by Mrs. Victoria Woodhull, or some other of the Free Love sisterhood. You will observe that the relief is for the injured wife; if the husband makes his life intolerable, he may do what she likes to make *his* life intolerable and condition burdensome, and be, poor devil, has no remedy. He may comb his hair with her entire assortment of three-legged stools. She may smash the crockery about his head in the day, and keep him awake with Caudle lectures by night; and he has got to stand it. It is said the bill will be passed; if not, won't the unfortunates who vote against it catch it from their partners when they return home and meet their loving wives? if the bill does become a law, it will help our divorce-lawyers some; but never, *never*, until we get the Legislature entirely over per clause, can we hope to compete with your Western Courts with any hope of success. You see that here it takes five years of insanity, and two years of desertion or persistent drunkenness, to establish a proper foundation for a severance of the marriage-bond. But "incompatibility of temper" may be pleaded in a divorce-suit in many other States in the Union. In forty-eight short hours of conjugal life, certain hitherto-carefully-preserved secrets of a married life, or, more particularly, of human nature may come to light, and both parties become absolutely convinced that there exists an "incompatibility" between them that never can be surmounted; then the services of a convenient lawyer may set the ill-mated couple free to marry a lot of other folks as soon as they can get hitched. That's the kind of divorce-bill that's wanted, and which, although it would shield it against any other suits to be hereafter commenced on the old score; and so all those of the husbands who had been waiting the issue of the last suits would get absolutely nothing. Can the force of such rascality any further go? It has been stated that "Corporations have no bodies to be kicked and no souls to be damned," and it is on the strength of that the wealthy Corporators, instead of being put on trial for the many manslaughters caused by their criminal negligence, and being called to an account for the blood with which each one is stained, are not even to be compelled to make their paltry contribution for the support of the orphans and widows they themselves have made.

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